# 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

# WARE RIVER SECONDARY TRACK REHABILITATION AND TIE INSTALLATION PROJECT

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Massachusetts Central Railroad (MCER or Railroad) is seeking Contractors to submit a Bid for the following track rehabilitation and tie installation work on the Ware River Secondary:

- Installation of new wood crossties and switch timbers
- Furnishing and installation of ballast - line, surface and tamp track
- Track gaging of existing crossties adjacent to newly installed crossties
- Reconstruction of private crossings
- Spot replacement of rail
- Furnishing and installing joint bolt assemblies
- Furnishing and installing tie plates
- Disposal and/or salvage of removed track material; plates, OTM
- Disposal of removed crossties
- Removal and disposal of trash and debris
- Cleanup of the work area
- All other work associated with the Ware River Secondary Track Rehabilitation and Tie Installation Project as described in the Project Description, Scope of Work and Specification sections of the bid documents.

**Bid Submission**

Bids for the Ware River Secondary Tie Installation and Track Rehabilitation Project must be submitted to MCER by **2 pm EST on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.** Bids must be sent to MCER, 2 Olde Barn Way, Acton, MA 01720, to the attention of Rob Finley.

**Bid Documents**

All prospective bidders may submit a request for an electronic copy of the full set of Bid Documents beginning on **Wednesday, January 4, 2023**. Requests shall be made via email to Rob Finley at **rcfinley@verizon.net.**

**Bid Questions**

Questions from prospective bidders concerning the Bid Package are due by **2 pm EST on Friday, January 20, 2023**. Any questions received after this time will not be considered. Questions should be submitted via email to Rob Finley at **rcfinley@verizon.net** and Mark O'Hara at **mark.ohara55@gmail.com**. Written responses to questions will be provided by **4 pm EST on Tuesday, January 24, 2023**.

Bids will be considered and the contract awarded in accordance with statutes governing such contracts under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30 §39M.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit payable to the MassDOT Rail and Transit Division in the amount of 5% of the bid.

This project is subject to the schedule of prevailing wage rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Division of Occupational Safety.

This project has set a recommended MBE/WBE goal of 6.18**%** for the work performed under this Contract.

All Contractors and Subcontractors working on the Railroad Right-of-Way (RoW) must have an approved Drug and Alcohol testing plan in compliance with all statutes and regulations administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in implementing the required 49 CFR Part 219 Drug and Alcohol Program. Contractors are required to submit their approved Drug and Alcohol Testing Program along with their bids.

It is a requirement that Bidders be prequalified by the MBTA in Class 1 – General Transit Construction and/or in Class 3 – Trackwork for a $5 million contract value. Bidders not prequalified are not eligible to bid.

Bidders must be experienced in construction projects involving work on and around an active railroad; railroad track construction; railroad tie replacement; raising, lining and surfacing of railroad track; and heavy civil construction work. Bidders must provide a list of projects of similar size and scope and references for three of those projects as identified in the Bid Form section of the Contract Documents. Any subcontractors used on this project are to be submitted to MassDOT for approval.

**Pre-Bid Meeting**

The **Pre-Bid Meeting** will be at the **Palmer Town Offices at 4417 Main St. #10, Palmer, MA 01069,** on **Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 9 am** with a hi-rail inspection of the Ware River Secondary immediately following the meeting. Bidders are required to have their own hi-rail vehicle for the hi-rail inspection.

In the event of inclement weather leading to postponement of the pre-bid meeting, prospective bidders that have requested bid documents will be notified 24 hours in advance of an alternate date and time for the meeting.

**Attendance at the pre-bid meeting and hi-rail inspection is mandatory for all prospective bidders. All attendees accessing Railroad RoW must have the proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) required by MCER including reflective vest, hardhat, safety glasses and safety toed boots.**

Successful Bidder will be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder as determined by MCER and MassDOT based on ability to substantially complete the track rehabilitation and tie installation on the Ware River Secondary by Friday, June 30, 2023, as described in the Project Description, Scope of Work and Specification sections of the bid documents.

The successful bidder, as a condition of contract award, will be required to certify that it is in full compliance with the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Guidelines, and with all COVID-19 guidelines and requirements issued by the CDC and OSHA, and that it has or will make all appropriate updates and revisions to its company-wide Health and Safety Plan to properly address such guidelines and requirements.

The Commonwealth's most recent COVID-19 Guidelines and documents can be found on the main page of the MassDOT website and can be found here:

*https://www/mass.gov/covid-19-guidelines-and-procedures-for-all-construction-sites-and-workers-at-all-public-work*

It is the Contractor's responsibility to stay current with any changes or addendums issued to these Guidelines. All costs associated with compliance with this provision are considered incidental to the contract cost and therefore the Contractor will not be entitled to any additional compensation.

MCER and MassDOT reserve the right to reject any or all Bids, to delete any Bid Items from the Contract or proceed to do any of the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interest of MCER and MassDOT.

**END OF SECTION**